GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Hindi as a Compulsory Subject
Singh Shri Hukum

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Kendriya Vidyalayas may have to study Hindi compulsorily till X Class;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government has formed a policy in consultation with the States to make the Hindi language compulsory and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) and (b) : The students of schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) (including Kendriya Vidyalayas) have to study Hindi compulsorily till class VIII. Similarly, Hindi or English must be one of the two languages to be studied in class IX and X.
In the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) schools, the following languages are compulsorily taught:

(i)Class I − V, Hindi English
(ii)Class VI − VIII, Hindi, English, Sanskrit
(iii)Class IX − X, any two languages out of English, Hindi and Sanskrit can be opted.
(c) : There is no policy of Government (Ministry of Human Resource Development) to make the Hindi language compulsory.
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